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MEDIA ADVISORY

NOAA to host Webinar on March 17 to brief reporters on the 1964 Great Alaska Earthquake and Tsunami

NOAA will host a Webinar to brief reporters on the historical implications of the devastating Alaska earthquake and tsunami of March 27, 1964. The earthquake had major impacts in Alaska, and the tsunami impacted both Alaska and the west coast, primarily Crescent City, Calif. The Webinar will provide reporters with information and access to experts as you gear up to cover 50th commemorative events surrounding this tragedy.

With a magnitude of 9.2, it was the world's second-strongest earthquake in recorded history. The resulting tsunami caused 130 deaths and nearly \$1 billion in damage in Alaska and California. Unlike many other natural phenomena that provide significant advanced warning (such as hurricanes or winter storms), tsunamis – as we have recently seen in Indonesia and Japan – can strike suddenly, making advanced preparation critical to survival.

In commemoration of the Great Alaska Earthquake and Tsunami of 1964, President Obama has recognized the week of March 23-29, 2014 as National Tsunami Preparedness Week.

This Webinar will include information on impacts of the event in Alaska and Crescent City, CA, and the event's modern influences and implications. Brief presentations will be followed by participant Q&A.

What: Webinar media briefing on the Great Alaska Earthquake and Tsunami of 1964.

When: Monday, March 17, 11 a.m. PDT / 12 noon MDT

Speakers: Lori Dengler, Ph.D., Professor of Geology, Humboldt State University
Cindi Preller, NOAA's Alaska Tsunami Program Manager

Webinar

Registration: Space is limited. Reserve your Webinar seat now at:
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/397735920>

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